Recovery of vehicle advance from the officers not serving in NCCF

2386. SHRI RA fNI RAN J AN" SAH J: Will the Miniate: of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whethei any unrecovered amount of vehic) • advance is due from officers' who are 10 longer in service ■of the NCCF;

(b) if so, what ire the details of such outstandings and since when these are lying unrecoven d; and

(c) what acti< n has been taken by the NCCF to re< over the amount due either from the officers concerned or their guarantors '

THE iMINISTJ *R* OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF 'OOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SH II GHULAM NAEI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of Rs, 12000/- advanced in December 1978, *m* amount of Rs. 11,550 and inteiast on the entire amount is due rom a former Senior Administrative I ifficer of the National Cooperative C msumers Federation, who was on dep itation from the Government of Utl i$_r$ Pradeesh. Out of Rs. 50,000 advamed m August, 1984, a amount of Rs. ^5875, and interest on the entire amount is due from the former Chief Manager of NCCF.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Govern lent uf LTttar Pradesh for recovery of the amount from the former Senior Administrative Officer and a legal notice has been served to the former Chie Manager for refund of the amount. Action against the guarantors to ever the amount will be taken by the NCCF if the loan is not recovered Ii'Om the principal loanees.

Improved production techniques for high altitude

2387. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIN-DRAO PATIL; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research in impro ving production tchniques for high altitude tests are being carried out; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YO-GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through a large net work of its institute and coordinated projects in various States is under taking research in this area. **ICAR** Research Complex for North-East Hill (NER) Region, Shillong along-v/ith its 6 sub-centres in the NEH Re gion, Central Potato Research Institute Simla and its Sub-Stations at Shillong (Magbalaya) and Ootacamund Tamilnadu) are undertaking research or various aspects of potato. Indian Agricultural Research Institute's Regional Station for off season Nurseries at Lahaul Spiti ((H..P) and Welling to$_n$ (Tamilnadu); Vivekananda iw-vatiya Krish> Anusandn&n Shala. Aimora; Indian Grassland ana Fodder Research Institute'^ Regional Station at Srinagar; the Regional Station of National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources at Bhowali are dong re-.' search on germplasm co^{v}lection, its evaluation and maintenance etc. In addition, a number of I.C A.R. supported research scheme- are fuctioning in the agriucltural universities for undertaking research in high altitude area$_s$ in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and NEH Region on rice, Wheat barley, pulses, forages, and maiz$_e$ crops. The results of practical utility obtained from various investigations are field tested for wide scale